



Starlight Message from Gloria Star

*Summer Solstice 2018
(Sun Cycle in Cancer 2018)*

Lights on ... Lights off. Eclipse!

Welcome the Summer Solstice! It arrives June 21st, heralding the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere. (Happy Winter wishes for the Southern Hemisphere!) This particular solstice of 2018 opens the way into another Eclipse Season, drawing more attention to the changes ahead. Heads Up! **During July & August, we will experience three eclipses:** there will be two Solar Eclipses, flanking one Lunar Eclipse. It's an indicator of increasing intensity, at the least. And there's more to talk about, too.

Let's start with the **Sun's rays shifting focus through the lens of Cancer, June 21st** at 6:07 AM EDT. During the Sun in Cancer cycle, emotions run high, and family matters matter. It's time to commemorate our history, honor what we hold dear, and show tenderness toward those who need our support. Food plays a starring role now, and the family picnic or reunion fits perfectly into the vibe of Cancer. This can be a time of embrace, although some may have trouble letting go of what needs to be released, especially when holding on seems evermore secure. Since home and family may require extra attention, do invite those within your circle to come together. Fortunately, this cycle can be the time to uncover what you truly need, and what others need from you as well. Unfortunately, it's also a time when fear or negative emotions can feed prejudice and judgmental attitudes. When those insecurities emerge, it's tempting to build barriers that offer the illusion of keeping us safe from what is unwanted or fear-driven.

On another front, with Venus and Mars in opposition to one another at the solstice, relationships take top billing -- particularly love relationships. The dynamics of attraction are powerful, but this can also signify polarization where priorities are concerned. Additionally, business and political relationships may be out of sync, from June 20th - 22nd. It may also seem as though everyone has a hidden agenda, since misunderstandings can run aground June 22nd- 24th, while the communicative energy of Mercury is undermined by power-driven Pluto. While this might be a good time to do some research, it's not especially fortuitous for final decisions. The working response might be, "Let me think about that first."

The way we handle power - individually and collectively - is up for review during the months ahead, since Mars will play a prominent role. You may be concerned about a

feeling of low energy, and that could very well arise from the fact that the immediate, passionate drive of Mars seems less accessible. Successful actions are more complicated when **Mars begins its retrograde on June 26th** (5:05 PM EDT). The action-planet, Mars is all about moving forward, asserting a positive position, leading the way, and making progress. While Mars is in a two-month retrograde cycle, it will appear to move backward against the heavenly backdrop. It's also moving closer to Earth, and so appears brighter in the pre-dawn sky. During this time, we may be retracing our steps, starting over, and may simply feel like we're moving backward ... or not at all! Before you allow despondency to set in, this can actually be a time of successful and at least some progress, but not without very real challenges. Be aware: *you may discover you've lost your passion for something (or someone) that once seemed like the elixir of life itself.* It happens. We change and grow. During Mars retrograde, it's time to be sure you're still engaged. After all, action models and battle plans may fail their tests. This is the time to figure out if you're ready to give more, or to call it quits. Does the project create energy or wear you out? You may ask that question more than once during this cycle.

With Mars in retreat, what may once have seemed like a threat may no longer hold power like it did before. Personal growth may have proven that the monsters under the bed really were just your imagination. On the collective level, during Mars retrograde in Aquarius, individuals in positions of power may be called to task by their "people" (or those who confer power to such influential or iconic roles).

Activating Mars in our lives, we see qualities of courage and leadership, but Mars is also expressed through anger, hostility and war. One of our greatest challenges in personal human evolution involves the way we handle the powerful drive of Mars. During its retrograde cycle, it's important to look back and learn from the past as a means of fine-tuning how we express such power. This might be the time when repressed anger comes to the surface. Personal awareness can be helpful when seeking the most productive expression of such potential outbursts.



Mars begins its retrograde in the 10th degree of Aquarius. The Sabian Symbol for this degree of the zodiac offers an interesting reflection: **A MAN WHO HAD FOR A TIME BECOME THE EMBODIMENT OF AN IDEAL IS MADE TO REALIZE THAT AS A PERSON HE IS NOT THIS IDEAL.** Let that sink in for a while ...

The **Capricorn Full Moon on June 28th** (12:53 AM EDT) is tied closely to Saturn, emphasizing a need to deal with life realistically and to explore the way we handle personal responsibility. Saturn conjunct the Moon doesn't sound like much fun ... more like work ... but also indicates a great time to reach closure in situations that you've outgrown. Be ready for a "blast from the past," since it's likely that your path will cross with someone you've known before. Particularly if there's unfinished karma. It does not mean you have to dive back in. But you may have to face what you've been dodging for a while. Perhaps it's time to finally say good-bye. A practical note: If you're hoping to complete a project or finalize a deal, this is a good time to close the book!

Several fast-moving cycles during the first ten days of July draw attention to the way we deal with *expectations*, and also suggest a need to be more aware of personal morals

and standards. These energies are a good intro to Jupiter's completion of its long retrograde cycle. **Jupiter halts its retrograde on July 10th**, when it will then get back into the groove that's more like progress. Expansion and personal growth gain momentum, and we all may feel at least a little more confident and optimistic. Jupiter's forward motion could signify a shift in the quality of the decisions being rendered by the Courts, although a moderate or conservative attitude may still prevail.



However, the big players in the skyscape during July and August are shown by a set of three eclipses. Keep in mind: the influence of an eclipse is there, even if you cannot witness it visually in the sky. On **July 12th, a Partial Eclipse of the Sun in Cancer** will peak at 10:47 PM EDT. Two weeks later, there will be a **Total Lunar Eclipse in Aquarius on July 27th**, and after that, a second **Partial Solar Eclipse in Leo on August 11th**. Usually, we experience a single solar eclipse accompanied by a single lunar

eclipse. This triple combination is a less common occurrence. The three eclipses suggest a period of heightened sensitivity in terms of personal and global events. We're dealing with challenges falling squarely within the realms of home, children, family and security. Crises might also peak in regard to food (including distribution or availability) and agriculture.

The **July 12th Solar Eclipse** gains a significantly penetrating quality since it stands in opposition to transformative Pluto. This connection suggests a need for true healing, but also indicates a need to know what's beneath the surface. Those in positions of power may be called to task, but we also know that some in such positions can become even more abusive under such influences. The Collective psyche may be more malleable. It's also conceivable that there will be a greater potential for plutocratic rulers or leaders to be seen more clearly. The question is: What might we do with that clarity?

I anticipate that many of those who are discontented will become even more active or vocal about abusive circumstances. This will be especially notable during the two weeks between the July 12th Solar Eclipse and the July 27th Lunar Eclipse. In fact, Mars will also play a powerful role during eclipse season, since it is tied to the Lunar Eclipse in late July. Watch for angry outbursts to accelerate. And watch for very real acts of courage, as many more will feel a need to reclaim and express their own power, or, collectively, to move toward very real change. There are positive qualities emerging that involve a strengthening of values, and more open expressions of compassion shown by fast-moving cycles from July 20th - 23rd. So, while this early summer season heats up, be mindful of your own drives and passions, and the things you're ready to release in order to make way for a more fulfilled life.

I'll write more about the Lunar Eclipse on July 27th, and the August 11th Solar Eclipse in the next issue of *Starlight Messages*. Meanwhile, if you're ready to explore how to make the best use of these cycles in your life, do get in touch and we'll find a time to have that discussion! You may schedule a full session, or might prefer to take

advantage of the **Starlight Special** reading! I am staying close to home this summer, and more readily available than during my travel cycles.



Brightest Wishes for a delightful
Summer Solstice,

Gloria

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primarily on how these eclipses are influencing your life. Your questions, of course, are always welcome. Contact me soon to schedule, as I've allotted a limited number of slots for these sessions.

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